

Brookline Police TURKEY COMPLAINT CALLS

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In 2012, there were 57 calls to the Brookline Dispatch Center for animal complaints involving turkeys. This is up significantly (over 300%) from the 13 calls in 2011.

The majority of calls are from residents reporting a turkey or group of turkeys on the sidewalk, in the street, or acting aggressively. In 9 incidents, callers reported that they were being chased or attacked. There were also several calls from citizens concerned with their children's safety because turkeys were seen at bus stops and near schools. 18 of the 57 calls were regarding turkeys in the Tappan St and Greenough areas.

The table on the following page shows the date, time, location and call information for turkey related calls between January 2012 and December 2012. There were 2 calls in January, 0 calls in February, 2 calls in March, 2 calls in April, 3 calls in May, 3 calls in June, 2 calls in July, 1 call in August, 4 calls in September, 8 calls in October, 11 calls in November and 19 calls in December.

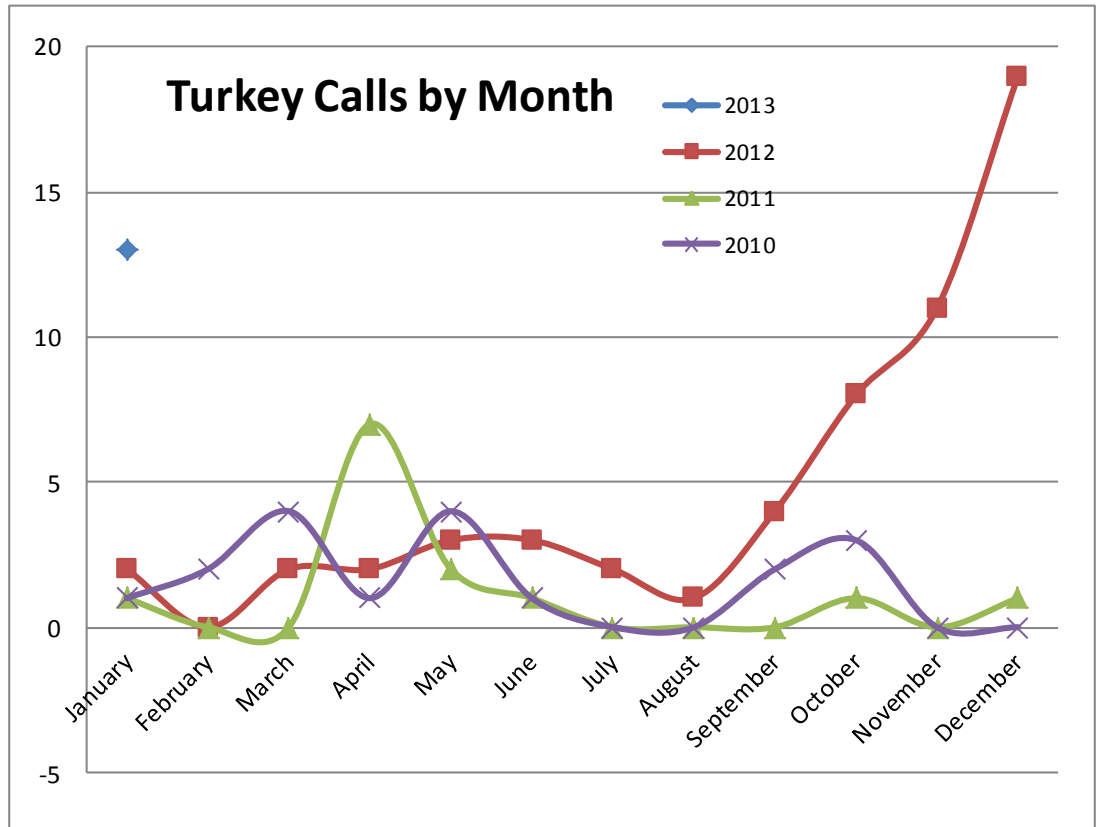
In December, the BPD met with the community to discuss turkey concerns. It was determined that there were three turkeys that were showing signs of aggression in the



Aspinwall Hill/Brookline High School area. One of the three broke away from the group, one was captured and euthanized on 1/15/13 and one is still believed to be in the neighborhood. In January 2013, there were 16 calls. 13 were in the Aspinwall Hill/Brookline High area and three were in the Carlton Street area.

Going forward, the Brookline Police Department will continue to monitor the behavior of the turkeys and work to remove those displaying aggressive behavior. When a turkey call is received by Brookline Police Dispatch Center (617-730-2222), a police officer will respond and assess the situation.

The following table shows a breakdown turkey related calls in 2012.



Breakdown of Turkey Calls 2012

Date	Time	Address	Call Information
1/6/2012	0738	25 Kennard Rd	6-8 turkeys lingering around the door, no threat or harm to any students
1/19/2012	1648	Dean Rd/Beacon St	Turkeys in road blocking traffic
3/23/2012	1804	1 Pearl St	Turkey stuck in train tracks; MBTA police responded
3/27/2012	1354	124 Rawson Rd	Aggressive turkey in yard, attacked Vic while she was in her car
4/11/2012	1728	Tappan St/ Sumner Rd	Caller witnessed 2 turkeys attack a woman, concerned with safety
4/19/2012	0632	1065 Beacon St	Turkey on the sidewalk, caller believes it could be hazardous
5/14/2012	1216	90 Salisbury Rd	
5/21/2012	0813	48 Auburn Rd	Turkey family in yard
5/29/2012	1047	348 Kent St	1 turkey on the street, was gone upon arrival
6/13/2012	1240	19 Clinton Rd	Turkey w/ 6 chicks wouldn't leave caller's sandbox
6/18/2012	1002	112 Winthrop Rd	Aggressive turkey
6/28/2012	1720	Tappan St/Gardner Rd	Aggressive turkeys in area, chased caller down the street
7/30/2012	1014	407 Washington St	Turkey on sidewalk, caller concerned for children's safety
7/31/2012	1618	1153 Beacon St	Several turkeys in area
8/02/2012	0716	Waverly St/Cypress St	3 turkeys lying on the street, may have been hit
9/02/2012	1022	138 Tappan St	2 aggressive turkeys attacking cars and people
9/19/2012	1421	46 Tappan St	Turkeys attacking pedestrians near T stop

Breakdown of Turkey Calls 2012 (CONT)

9/21/2012	0736	Sumner Rd/ Blake Rd	Aggressive turkeys near kid's bus stop
9/27/2012	1716	200 Tappan St	Turkeys blocking traffic
10/03/2012	0837	Sumner Rd/Blake Rd	5 turkeys in area, caller had to fight one off w/ his umbrella
10/17/2012	0748	25 Kennard Rd	5-6 turkeys in area, kids being dropped off were afraid
10/17/2012	0829	25 Kennard Rd	
10/23/2012	0714	143 Gardner Rd	Caller reports 3 turkeys in the area, they chased her husband
10/25/2012	0732	Tappan St/Sumner Rd	Caller attacked by 3 turkeys
10/25/2012	0732	Tappan St/Welland Rd	3 turkeys bothering caller, gone on arrival
10/26/2012	0921	Somerset Rd/Weybridge Rd	Turkeys bothering pedestrians
10/31/2012	0851	120 Rawson Rd	Aggressive turkeys in area
11/02/2012	0907	Welland Rd/Tappan St	Turkeys on the move
11/05/2012	0743	361 Washington St	Turkeys bothering library employees
11/10/2012	1035	195 Tappan St	3 turkeys in front, gone upon arrival
11/11/2012	1629	Boylston St/Buckminster St	4 turkeys blocking the roadway
11/12/2012	0624	Greenough St/Tappan St	Gone on arrival
11/12/2012	0829	115 Greenough St	Gone on arrival
11/12/2012	1243	Clark Rd/Sumner Rd	Gone on arrival
11/19/2012	0839	115 Greenough St	Gone on arrival
11/21/2012	1442	Sumner Rd/Clark Rd	3 turkeys, 1 aggressive on bridge over MBTA
11/26/2012	0912	Gardner Rd/Tappan St	3 turkeys chasing people
11/29/2012	0850	115 Greenough St	Gone on arrival
12/05/2012	0745	115 Greenough St	Gone on arrival
12/06/2012	0748	115 Greenough St	Gone on arrival
12/07/2012	1043	54 Blake Rd	3 turkeys in resident's yard
12/07/2012	1353	115 Greenough St	
12/08/2012	Varied	0 Sector 5	Gone on arrival
12/10/2012	Varied	115 Greenough St	Turkeys in area
12/10/2012	Varied	124 Rawson Rd	Turkeys in yard
12/10/2012	1024	109 Rawson Rd	3 male turkeys in yard
12/10/2012	1123	120 Rawson Rd	Gone on arrival
12/10/2012	1229	121 Rawson Rd	Gone on arrival
12/10/2012	1321	15 Naples Rd	5-6 turkeys in yard, not aggressive
12/11/2012	0836	121-124 Rawson Rd	Gone on arrival
12/12/2012	0732	115 Greenough St	Gone on arrival
12/17/2012	1349	Westbourne Tr/Beacon St	12-15 turkeys in roadway, not aggressive
12/18/2012	1123	1600 Beacon St	4 turkeys
12/18/2012	1236	108 Lancaster Tr	2 turkeys on top of cars
12/19/2012	0830	0 Corey Rd	Gone on arrival
12/27/2012	0953	143 Gardner Rd	Pack of turkeys knocking over garbage cans
12/29/2012	1122	Washington St/Beacon St	Turkey meandering in traffic